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RESERVATION QUOTA FOR MUSLIM COMMUNITY
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States, particularly Andhra Pradesh have provided reservations to Muslims and Christians in their States;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to implement the same at Central level;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

NINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) & (b): Some States have included backward classes among Muslims in the other backward classes list of that State. State-wise details given in Chapter 10 of the Report of the Sachar Committee are available on the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. The Andhra Pradesh Reservation in favour of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes among Muslims Act, 2007, provides for 4% reservation for socially and educationally backward classes of Muslims in educational institutions and public employment for their upliftment. Separately, Andhra Pradesh provides for one per cent reservation, under the backward classes category, for Scheduled Castes converted to Christianity and their progeny.

(c) to (e): Certain categories of Muslims and Christians are included in the Central Government list of other backward classes (OBCs).